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Letter dated 19 July 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the reaction of the International Court of Justice on Ukraine's request to interpret its order on the provisional measures (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 34, 72 (c) and 74, and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the reaction of the International Court of Justice on Ukraine's request to interpret its order on the provisional measures

Today, the International Court of Justice informed the Agent of Ukraine — Deputy Foreign Minister Olena Zerkal on its position regarding implementation by the Russian Federation the Court's Order of 19 April 2017 indicating provisional measures in the case Application of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism and of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Ukraine v. Russian Federation).

In that Order, the Court required Russia to "refrain from maintaining or imposing limitations on the ability of the Crimean Tatar community to conserve its representative institutions, including the Mejlis".

In defiance of this clear order, the Russian Federation has failed to lift its ban on the Mejlis, first imposed in April 2016. In letters to the Parties today, the Court has reaffirmed the binding nature of its Order and directed Russia to report on concrete steps taken to implement it by 18 January 2019.

Continued defiance by Russia of the World Court's binding orders will not be accepted.

Ukraine calls upon the Russian Federation to live up to its international obligations by promptly suspending its ban on the Mejlis, as required by the Court's original Order and its reaffirmation of that Order today.